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THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The Monroe doctrine which has hitherto been accepted by the leading world powers in a fairly graceful manner seems now in a way to be questioned. This is evidenced by Germany's controversy regarding Margarita Island. The French press also shows some felling in its comments on the incident. The republican party by its foolish policy of conquest in foreign lands and its subsequent attempts at permanent colonization in these lands has laid this country open to the charge of inconsistency, and the charge too is not without good foundation. Even England has declared that the course of the United States in its Philippine policy is practically an abandonment of the Monroe doctrine.

A united declaration by the leading world powers on this line would put the United States in an embarrassing position, where she would have to fight or back down. The latter she could not well afford to do, and a fight with several foreign nations combined would be a national disaster greatly to be deplored. The United States with her usual pluck and ingenuity and boundless resources would doubtless win in the end, but it would be at a cost in money far in excess of any possessions which we have secured in our colonial policy, not to mention the fearful sacrifice of life that would result in an international war.

So long as we insist upon the absolute control of the western hemisphere and bar all foreign nations from any additional footing thereon, we should abandon the idea of getting upon their preserves. The masses will understand this matter before another presidential election and will condemn by their votes the republican party that has forced our government into its present position.

HANNA POSSIBLY NEXT.

The words of Mr. Perry S. Heath, secretary of the republican national committee, to a party of Americans in a London hotel Monday, would indicate that Senator M. A. Hanna would probably like to be the next nominee of the republican party for president. Mr. Heath asserts that Mr. McKinley will not be a candidate for a third term.

Speaking of Mr. Hanna he says, "There is not a man in the republican party who could get the next presidential nomination so surely as Senator Mark Hanna, and not a man in the United States who could be so easily elected." As to the first statement we think it quite probable that Mark Hanna could get the nomination if he should go after it, and there is no good reason why he should not have it. We do not believe, however, that he could be so easily elected.

It has all along been the contention of the democrats that Mark Hanna has been the power behind the throne that has directed and controlled the McKinley administration, but this fact has never before been acknowledged by the republicans. The following words of Mr. Heath, however, are significant when we take into consideration his position as secretary of the republican national committee.

He says: "While Mr. Hanna would be the last man in the world to detract in the slightest from the credit due to the president, personally for his able administration of affairs, which, by the way, I may say commands the respect alike of democrats and republicans as no other president's administration has done, still I think Mr. Hanna's strong confidence and sensible counsel has been invaluable to the president." This is more nearly an admission of the democratic contention than we had ever expected to hear from any republican high up in the party ranks. It was doubtless this "strong confidence and sensible counsel" that caused McKinley to ex-

cute his Portorican somersault.

This London interview of Mr. Perry S. Heath is simply a feeler put out by Senator Hanna to get an expression from the republican press of the country as to presidential prospects for the nomination in 1903. We will probably hear more on the same line in the near future. If Marcus wants it, other aspirations may as well take back seats. That "strong confidence and sensible counsel" will compel them to stand aside.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR TEXAS.

The discovery of the immense quantities of oil in Texas and the practicability of this crude oil as a fuel may mean far more than the simple value of the oil at the market price. The east which has hitherto been the manufacturing section of the country is too far from the productive territory of the middle west to make it profitable to carry the raw material there to work it up into finished products. The natural channel for the products of the Mississippi Valley and the fertile west is down the valley to the gulf and the cheap fuel furnished by Texas makes it the possible manufacturing center of the future. The oil boom is but the prelude to a manufacturing boom that will exceed in time the brightest dreams of the present Texas speculators.

The statement of Prof. Algie Cook of Chicago that he had never kissed or hugged a girl in his life, having reached Paris, three fair girl students of the Latin quarter testify of their own knowledge that he fibbed when he made that statement, and assert that he was "the awfulest flirt that ever happened along." Possibly the professor in his zeal in his pursuit of knowledge in Paris was simply experimenting a little and had forgotten all about his Parisian experiments when he made his statement.

Plans for a consolidation of locomotive manufacturers are rapidly assuming definite shape. It is stated in New York that a new company will be formed which will acquire nearly all the locomotive building plants in the country except the Baldwin locomotive works. The trust business goes merrily on and a few more years of republican administration will have everything monopolized except the air we breathe.

General Chaffee's remarks at an army smoker given recently in Peking, in which he says "that never will you see Americans and Britishers facing each other in the field" are causing considerable comment. General Chaffee may have a very warm feeling for the British but if England should trespass upon the rights of the American nation there would doubtless be trouble between the two armies.

Late developments on the New York Exchange would seem to indicate a bitter fight between what is known as the Harriman syndicate backed by the Goulds and Standard Oil interests, and the Vanderbilt-Morgan-Hill combine. When rogues fall out then just men get their dues.

A fur company in Alaska has sent ten pair of Jack Rabbits to that country to have them multiply and grow up as food for the gray wolf that is found there and whose fur is valuable. This is all right for the wolves but it is tough on the rabbits.

Recent data from the treasury bureau of statistics show the United States to occupy first place in the list of exporting nations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain next. Uncle Samuel is taking the front seat in most all of the big shows.

If China is finally opened to the trade of the world instead of being partitioned out in lots to the allied nations it will be largely due to the United States which has from the beginning opposed the partition idea.

Hanna for president would mean more trusts, bigger trusts, an increased piling up of dollars in the pockets of the multi-millionaires and greater oppression of the masses of the people.

Mark Hanna's presidential boom for the nomination in 1903 will probably cause the cold chills to run up Teddy's back.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED.—The INTELLIGENCER wants a correspondent in every town in Lafayette county. Write for particulars.

County Court.

The county court on last Wednesday made the tax levy on the assessed valuation of taxable property in Lafayette county for the year 1901 as follows:

On the \$100 valuation the levy was 25 cents for state purposes; 40 cents for county revenue; 50 cents for county compromise fund.

The apportionment of the money to the different funds was as follows: Poor fund, 11.40 per cent; road fund, 7.40 per cent; salary fund, 9.40 per cent; jury and election fund, 5.40 per cent; contingent fund, 8.40 per cent.

The levy on the \$100 assessed valuation of the taxable property of the townships having bonded indebtedness was as follows: Sni-a-Bar township, 40 cents; Lexington township, 40 cents; Washington township, 50 cents.

For roads and bridges the levy was 5 cents, and by direction of the court a levy of 5 cents was made to pay off the criminal costs that have been hanging over for several years. The levy is 85 cents, the same as last year, the additional five cents being that ordered by the circuit court to pay off back criminal costs.

Miss Laura Edwards Named as Sponsor.

Colonel Thomas P. Hoy, acting adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans of Missouri, has named Miss Laura Edwards, daughter of Mrs. Jennie Edwards, state librarian at Jefferson City, as sponsor from Missouri at the reunion to be held at Memphis, Tenn., May 28, 29 and 30, says the Sedalia Democrat.

Miss Anna Keith, of Kansas City, has been named as first maid of honor, with Mrs. G. M. English, of Kansas City, as chaperone, and the two first named ladies will also represent Missouri at the state reunion to be held at Springfield, August 8 to 10, inclusive, with Mrs. Albert O. Allen, of Jefferson City, as chaperone.

A number of additional maids of honor will be appointed for the Springfield reunion, the total probably reaching twenty.

Stamp in New York.

New York, May 9.—Bitter stress developed in Wall street by the second hour of trading on the stock exchange today. The violence of the commotion had spent much of its force, at least for the time being, when the chairman's gavel fell, announcing the close of the day's proceedings. The casualties were great and the field of battle was strewn with the wounded, and maybe with the dying. But of actual fatalities none were recorded of importance during the day.

During the height of the panic rumors of insolvencies were handed about more quickly than they could be reported. But no confirmations could be had of the intimations of financial wreck. Those against whom the rumors pointed refused even to show any signs of distress and professed themselves ready to meet all obligations. In more than one instance the answer to these rumors was for a representative of the house to go upon the stock exchange and place loans to a large amount, as indicating the abundance of resources at hand.

But notwithstanding these and similar devices for keeping up credit and confidence, the fact was too obvious from the crash of values on the exchange that credits and borrowing power were shrinking at too prodigious a rate not to leave the mind of the whole financial world in a condition of intense strain.

But the indications at the close of the day were strong that the principal damage had been wrought upon the speculative class of holders of securities on margin, for whatever purpose.

Move Great Steel Docks.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The big steel floating dock to be located at Algiers, La., near New Orleans, and now building by the Meria Steel company, is practically completed and admiral Endicott, who designed the big structure, went to Baltimore today to inspect it.

It is the largest floating dry dock in the world and now that it is quite complete, an important problem arises as to how it shall be floated down the Atlantic coast and into the Gulf of Mexico up to Algiers. Over 13,000,000 pounds of steel have been used in its construction, and as it is more than

half submerged the towing of such a vast and unwieldy bulk is a formidable undertaking.

The start will be made some time in September, a number of powerful tugs being utilized. Slow progress will be made on the long trip. The dock is 525 feet long, 100 feet wide across the entrance, with a depth of twenty-eight feet over the sill. It has a lifting capacity of 15,000 tons, and on emergency its high decks will give it additional power to 18,000. It has cost \$610,000. The contract calls for placing the dock in position at Algiers, so that the towing of the structure through the Atlantic and the gulf will be made at the risk of the contractor.

St. Clair Judges In Jail.

Osceola, Mo., May 7.—After several years of hide-and-seek between the members of the St. Clair county court and United States marshals, this afternoon the marshals were successful. At 4:30 o'clock while the court was in session, in the county clerk's office, two marshals quietly slipped in and placed Thomas D. Merritt, presiding judge, and S. C. Peden, associate judge, under arrest.

Judge Walker, the other associate judge, with cunning, when the marshals approached the officer assumed the position of a listener to the proceedings, and while Deputy United States Marshal, S. H. Graham of St. Joseph, Mo., was making inquiry as to who was in the office of the county clerk, quietly slipped out, mounted his horse, rode to the south end of town and notified Mrs. Peden of the arrest of her husband and rode back past the county court house and to his home.

The marshals making the arrest were J. H. Graham of St. Joseph, Mo., and H. W. Pyatt of Webb City, Mo. The judges will now have to lie in jail until their time of office expires, which will be January 1, 1903.

Over the State.

Moberly is to have a new opera house costing \$25,000.

Paris, Mo., wants a water and electric light plant.

Chicken thieves in Huntville have been making frequent night visits to the chicken houses of that town.

Mines 5 and 14 at Richmond were closed down last week and the miners were notified to take out their tools.

The Mercantile and Mining Co., of St. Joseph, has recently opened up a new shaft at Richmond and has just commenced to take out coal.

The Richmond Missourian wants a new court house for Ray county, and any one familiar with the appearance of the old one will concede the fact that they need it.

Rev. W. N. Conoley is conducting a series of revival meetings in the Methodist church at Richmond. Mr. Conoley held a series of meetings here a few years ago and awakened great interest by his earnest and powerful preaching.

Condensed News.

William J. Bryan will speak at Artesian Lake Park at Nevada, Mo., on May 15th.

A twenty year franchise was granted Monday night to McMillan and Simpson by the city council of Holden, Mo. to lay pipes and operate a heating and light plant.

Mrs. Nation having been in jail some time at Wichita and not having her usual amount of exercise, for lack of something better to do, whipped the jailor last Tuesday.

At Smiths Camp on Lynx Creek near Sunrise, Alaska, a snow slide occurred about March 20th killing five miners and injuring two others who were camping on the mountain side when the avalanche came down on them.

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